

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant elect for prosecution one of the inventions that belong to the two groups of claims, as set forth in the Office Action.


Applicant elects without traverse Group I, claims 1-7, 9, 10, 14-18, 20, 22-28. Claims 11-13, 29 and 30, identified by the Examiner as Group II, are canceled without prejudice.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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